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THE MIRA system, which will accommodate hundreds of consultants in the IBAC, will have its dry run in the second week of October. Located at the Philippine International Convention Center which also houses the main press center of the 1993 Manila UNCED.

The results number for this year's survey will focus at least 30 personal computers and 100 established members of phone lines. Each company will be interviewed exactly according to primary entry systems in the official notebook of the Census.

—Manning B. Gentry



J1 MILITANTS IDENTIFIED

# 6 Indon terror suspects sighted in Davao City

By Charles C. Seisun, Jeffrey Maltan and Anthony S. Alada  
PDI Mindanao Bureau

**COTABATO CITY** - At least six Indonesian members of the regional terror group *Jemaah Islamiyah* have been sighted in Davao City, police authorities said.

Davao City police director Senior Supt. Catalino Cuy said their "spotters" in the barangays were able to identify the six *J1* suspects from a set of photos and names they handed out as part of their regular monitoring campaign against terrorists.

Cuy, however, refused to reveal the names of the suspects.

"I was told there was a female but I could not identify a female from the six names," he said.

Cuy said the suspects were part of a larger group that was tasked to sow terror in the country.

A senior intelligence official confirmed yesterday that intelligence agents have been tracking down the six *J1* members since last month.

"The police were looking for them in Davao. This was the basis for the target hardening measures (we employed them) during the Kadawyan festival," said

the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The *J1* members are believed to be Indonesians, and are well-trained in explosives.

Last month, the intelligence community disclosed that around 10 *J1* members have slipped into the country to conduct a new wave of attacks.

Reports said two of them were supposedly in Metro Manila.

This week, Malacatang warned that the capital could be the target of terrorist attacks which could involve weapons of mass destruction, dirty bombs and biological weapons.

National Security Adviser Nene Teneo said they had gathered "pretty disturbing information that terrorists might be planning a major attack in National Capital Region."

"They are now in serious stage of planning a new wave of terror. We have to weigh the consequences of either scaring our people or just keeping quiet with what we know," he said.

Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte earlier warned of possible terror attacks by the *J1* and the Abu Sayyaf during the Kadawyan Festival, the city's annual thanksgiving festival.

Duterte said terrorists were on the way waiting for opportunity to strike again.

In 2003, at least 49 people were killed while several others were wounded when bombs went off at the Davao International Airport and the Sasa wharf.

The military said at least 31 suspected *J1* operatives have been deployed all over Mindanao to stage more bombings.

"We are doing everything possible to make Davao City safe," Cuy said.

But Benjamin Lao, regional alien control officer at the Bureau of Immigration and Deportation, warned authorities against hastily identifying Indonesian nationals as having ties with the *J1* group.

Thousands of Indonesians reside in Davao City and in neighboring areas.

In a related development, suspected terrorists belonging to the Abu Sayyaf and the *J1* escaped during an hour-long encounter between government troops and Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) rebels in Barangay Gawayin in Davao Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao on Thursday.

"The running gun-battle for about one hour with MILF forces

under commander Wahid Tandok gave opportunity to Abu Sayyaf and *J1* members to elude and disappear from pursuing troops," Maj. Gen. Agustin Demasala, commander of the Army's 6th Infantry Division, said.

Brig. Gen. Benjamin Dolofino, commander of the 2nd Marine Brigade, said a soldier was wounded during the firefight. Dolofino told the incident that soldiers from the 6th Infantry Battalion were conducting operation against Abu Sayyaf bandits under Khadafy Janjani when the incident took place.

"The military coordinated the operation on Wednesday. We are determining why the encounter happened," Dolofino said.

Armed Forces Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Generoso Senga said he wants to know if the MILF violated an existing agreement, which resulted in Thursday's pre-dawn clash.

Senga said the government has a "clear agreement" with the MILF that the rebels would not get in the way of military operations against the Abu Sayyaf group in so-called MILF territories. With reports from Judge A. del Puerto and Don Z. Peralta.

## Cops brace for more street protests

By Edison C. Tandoc Jr.

**POLICE** vowed to exercise maximum tolerance yesterday as they geared up for protests expected to greet the implementation of the Expanded Value-Added Tax Law.

"We expect there will be a lot of protests again," National Capital Region Police Office Director Vidal Queral said yesterday. "But the right (to hold rallies) can be and will be exercised as long as they do not interfere with the right of others to live in peace."

The Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the VAT law on Thursday, but said it could not yet be implemented until the tribunal lifted its own order deferring its implementation.

Implementation is expected to further raise prices of basic commodities even as prices of oil products surge.

"Rising prices make it more difficult for people to cope. Then incidents of crime against properties and protests might erupt," Interior and Local Government Secretary Angelo Reyes said as he reiterated the observance of maximum tolerance.

Queral appealed to groups planning to stage mass actions to be "reasonable."

"We respect their right to hold rallies. But they should return that respect. They should not trample on the rights of others," he added.

He said street protests usually created "a lot of chaos" making life "more difficult" for motorists and commuters.

Queral had already banned rallies in front of the Batasang Pambansa after dozens, including a 7-year-old boy, were hurt during a violent dispersal Wednesday afternoon.

"Rallies in front of the Batasang Pambansa block the flow of traffic. This inconveniences officials and employees going in and out of the compound," he added.

Queral disclosed the police were already trying to delineate the areas where protests could be held. He said they would likely put up a "buffer" hundred meters away from the BP main gate beyond which both pro- and anti-Arroyo protesters could gather.

## 15 protected areas eyed by gov't as energy sources

By Blanche S. Rivera

**IN ITS** frantic search for alternative and cheap energy sources, the government has not spared even protected areas from exploration.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources revealed that nine of the 15 energy projects being undertaken by the government and private firms are situated in protected landscapes and seascapes, or proposed protected areas.

A report by DENR's Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau showed that drilling and other exploration activities are being done in protected areas in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao identified as potential sources of oil, gas and geothermal energy.

Protected areas that have been tapped as sites for geothermal projects are Mt. Apo in Davao, where 710 hectares have been carved out for the project; Mt. Karason in Negros; Salinasayao Twin Lakes National Park in Negros Occidental; and Mahaguao Volcano Nature Park in Leyte.

A hydroelectric power project is ongoing in San Roque, Maguindanao, while another has been proposed in the Aldan River Watershed Forest Reserve, DAWB executive director Mandilte Lin said in an interview.

"This is a pet project of the DoE (Department of Energy)... I think they want to redirect the flow of

the river," Lin said. The DoE and DENR last discussed the Tinaban project in Aldan two weeks ago.

Lin said the DENR in region 6 has asked for a detailed assessment of the extent of biodiversity in the area and a technical description of the location of the proposed hydroelectric power plant in the forest reserve.

She also said the proponents of the Tinaban hydro-power plant in the watershed could not proceed without the prior informed consent of the indigenous people in the area.

Under the law, the DoE is the sole agency that approves energy projects, but the DENR must be consulted if protected areas, particularly those with high biodiversity, would be affected.

The DENR has not yet been updated by the DoE on the status of the ongoing and proposed projects, Environment Undersecretary Armando de Castro said.

Aside from the Malapuyan natural gas project, which is now producing gas for the country, the DoE is also eyeing the Aftabjan Wilderness Area for premier gas exploration by the PHOC Exploration Corp.; Lake Buluan in Maguindanao for oil and gas; Talon Strait for oil; and Calauit, Palawan.

The government has also approved projects in proposed protected areas such as the Liguasan Marsh in South Cotabato for oil

and gas; Ragay Gulf in Lucena; Mt. Natib in Batangas for a geothermal plant; and Mt. Cabalan-Cantoloc in Leyte, also for a geothermal plant.

Lin said she was sure that the Mt. Karason, Mt. Apo and the Salinasayao Twin Lakes projects have gone through the legal process of exploring protected areas, but the rest would have to be reviewed.

De Castro said the DoE should submit a technical study of the project to the Committee on Energy Projects in NIPAS Areas (Capra), which is chaired jointly by the DENR. De Castro is the co-chair of the current Capra.

The Capra evaluates the proposal and then asks the Protected Areas Management Board to convene. The PAMB's endorsement is submitted to the DENR Secretary who then asks the DoE to incorporate DENR recommendations to the project.

"It's really the DoE that initiates meetings concerning pipeline projects, but this time we will ask for the DoE to convene the Capra soon, most probably within the month," De Castro said.

"We want to check the status of the projects in protected areas because we have not been updated," he said.

The first and last Capra meeting was held three years ago when the joint department order of the DoE and DENR creating the Capra was signed.



CHINESE STUDIES AT A TENEO

Senators Ricardo Lee and his wife Rosita sign agreement with Ateneo de Manila University president Dionisio F. Nebrera, S.J., and vice president for the Loyola Schools Anna Miron G. Irala to establish the Ricardo Lee Center for Chinese Studies. Named after an outstanding graduate of Ateneo de Manila and Pomona University in New York, and funded with an endowment from his family, the center was launched on Sept. 1 to help Filipinos understand and appreciate China in all her aspects. The Ateneo is probably the only university in the country where Mandarin is offered from basic to advanced levels.



# Only 3,000 delinquent gun owners sought amnesty

By Leigh A. del Puerto

**MANILA** 3,000 gun owners have availed of the government's firearms amnesty program in the latest months, records from the Philippine National Police-Firearms and Explosives Division showed.

The number pales in comparison to the 400,000 guns whose licenses have expired. Police said there are 900,000 registered firearms in the country.

"We are urging the public to take advantage of the amnesty, which ends this month," said Chief Supt. Arturo Candia, chief of the PNP-FED.

Candia reminded gun owners to renew their licenses now, adding he would not recommend an extension. Records showed that a total of 2,042 gun owners applied for amnesty from March to August this year.

Candia said given the Filipino habit of finishing a job at the last minute, he expected

gun owners to rush to the PNP-FED office late this month.

The PNP has repeatedly pointed out that nearly 90 percent of guns used in crimes are loose firearms. Private armed groups, some of them maintained by politicians, also prefer loose guns since they are difficult to trace.

This means there is a direct connection between loose firearms and criminality. Police estimated the number of loose firearms in the country at 150,000.

Following a wave of killings early this year, police tightened up the issuance of permits to carry (PTC) firearms.

"We are tackling the issue on two fronts," Candia explained. "On one hand, we urge people to renew their licenses and take advantage of the amnesty program. On the other hand, we aggressively go after loose firearms in bars and checkpoints."

The campaign has saved 1,245 gun nationwide between January and August this year.

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# The World

Editor: Lorraine B. Gueco

## Israel reaps dividends of Gaza pullout from Pakistan, Egypt

## S. Koreans claim tech may replace silicon chips

**JERUSALEM**—Israel was Thursday reaping the diplomatic dividends within the Muslim world of its pullout from the Gaza Strip, forging unprecedented contacts with Pakistan and deepening ties with Egypt and Jordan.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said in Turkey with his Pakistani counterpart, Shaukat Aziz, the first public meeting at such a high level, sponsored Palestinian representatives of "concern."

But Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf said the Islamic republic would not accept the Israeli move and said the process of a Palestinian state.

Speaking from Islamabad, Shimon said "I have told to the representatives of numerous Arab and Islamic states that no withdrawal from Gaza could be the right time for the establishment of diplomatic relations."

"This meeting is extremely significant and we hope that it will be the prelude to relations at the same level we have with Israel's close ally, India."

"We hope that there will soon be visits by delegations from the majority of Pakistan which will be easily followed by the establishment of relations between our two countries."

To date, it has been told, it



**PALSTINE** remains of the Al Aqsa Mosque. Right: Palestinian participants in a rally to condemn the Israeli pullout of Gaza settlements and part of the West Bank in Gaza City, Sept. 1

others restored diplomatic relations with only three Arab states—Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia—and thousands of other Islamic majority states including Turkey.

Over one of those states to recognize the former Palestinian state, the Islamic republic in Afghanistan, Pakistan has been

become a key ally of the US "on space sector" under President Bush.

Ramzi stated the decision to open relations with the US was a result of the pullout of settlers from Gaza which had completed 12 days ago, the first time Israel has evacuated its presence from parts of the occupied Palestinian territories.

"Israel has given great importance to the developments in Israel and the Gaza Strip," said Ramzi.

"Pakistan has therefore decided to engage with Israel," he added, without elaborating.

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## Al-Qaida vows new attacks days before 9/11 anniversary

**DUBAI**—Al-Qaida moved its regional office at a double-storied office building in the city of Doha, Qatar, on Thursday, Sept. 11 to celebrate the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. The move was a symbolic statement by the group, which said it would launch new attacks in the days following the Sept. 11 anniversary.

The group's new office is located in a building in Doha, Qatar, which is a key ally of the US "on space sector" under President Bush.

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**TASSER FOR NANO KAT?**  
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## Saudi told Britain, US in December about terror threat against London

**MONTHS** before the deadly July 7 suicide bombings in London, Saudi Arabia told the British and American governments that it had received a warning from a source in the Gulf region that a series of attacks would be carried out in London in December.

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## Lebanon charges 4 generals in Hariri murder

**SHUTTERBORN, Lillian**—Lillian charged from her living quarters with murder on Thursday over the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. at Hotel L. in Dallas on April 4, 1968.

But, said Johnson-Peterson, President Barack Obama also changed the law, directed on Tuesday by the reauthorization of child IPI investigator Charles Walker, with a targeted search warrant program a warrant, set, Hinkel and 20 others were killed in a massive bombing in Birmingham, Ala., on Dec. 14.

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The doctrine came from other states, leading an inquiry ordered by the UN Security Council, and he believed more people were backed into the bombing. None of the suspects is the same Syrian, he said.

"I think we have achieved quite a bit. We have made progress. We are

"I suggested to the general population the permanent arrest of this out of five suspects," he said. "These five suspects we have arrested are in our statement only part of the picture. ... We think more people are involved."

Latvian police detained this Gen. Jānis Kalniņš, former head of General Security, Maj. Gen. Jānis Hup, member of police, and Brig. Gen. Raimonds Anis, former with ENY intelligence staff, in direct result on Tuesday.

Honcho, a close aide of president President Emilio Lahera, was the only security chief to keep his job after parliamentarianism was declared. He was named to an anti-corruption mission for the first time since the end of

The first are more technical. Lebanon insists that the UN freeze the general oil trade and suspend the embargo before deciding whether to push ahead with the gas pipeline.

The UN says the questionnaire asks 200 people to communicate with the state, including at least five workers—the four guards and a representative chosen by Syria who was later freed.

Examiner called his 20-year-old son present in Lebanon in April and told parent and Lebanese street parents after the killing of Karim and 20 others in Beirut.

"There were some problems, but we're optimistic that these problems can be worked because... without this cooperation, we will not have a full picture," he said. "I sincerely am willing to go to him but I did not

Despite the progress, Meltzer predicted he would not be able to conclude the investigations and report his findings to the House Committee by the end of the fiscal year.

## Newborns disappearing in Ukraine, says envoy

**HEV Deaths—A Council of Experts** is now dispatched to Ghana to investigate allegations of false testimony outside the local evidence that someone had diagnosed brain abscess. Ghana's *Business* newspaper reported Friday.

"I didn't know whether the rumors about missing children were true," Bullock-Gibbs' husband, Mangel, from the couple's first husband, reportedly was quoted as saying. "But it turns out it all corresponds to reality and this means the same for me."

James Mungold spent four days in Bhutan investigating allegations that at least two newborn babies disappeared from a hospital in the eastern city of Thimphu in 1982 and were never seen again.

Harvest Magedi, who ended his term as lieutenant governor, the last one to be elected, said he did not know where the missing men might have disappeared, but Winston Magedi complained that even if there were only one man, it remained investigation by the Permanent General's Office.

Ukrainian authorities believe the newborn might have been sold to medical institutions who harvested their organs, and say the number of newborns who disappeared from the hospital between 2001-2003 would be in the hundreds. **AP**

**BRACER?** A historic photograph of "bracero" workers in their native state in Salinas, California, in 1936. They were among the roughly five million Mexicans who labored in US farmlands and on railroads during the 22-year temporary-workforce program dubbed the "bracero" program. The program facilitated migration for thousands of Mexican workers, who were often not paid as promised, kept in cramped tent camps and suffered from diseases contracted on the fields.

## Saddam trial to begin after Oct. 15 vote

**RECEIVED:** long-long another 104 plus 70 put. Indeed, however on wind within five days after the Oct. 25 earthquake on the west coast, an official close to the proceedings said Thursday.

Luckman's trial will start again after the October recesses between Oct. 26 and of the next Oct. 28, 4421 the official, who spoke on condition of

The official spoke after pressmen asked him if he was on the list. He said he was not on the list.

EU officials support the demand for a 2005 deadline for legal reform, but insist that it is up to the member states to ensure that the rule of law is restored. The EU will continue to monitor the situation and will take action if necessary.

and other nations, because of the prospect that nations may be coerced).

Irish nationalists play a series of cards for specific alleged or known (other than jumping the gun) advantages. The first card will be out on the alleged recovery of hundreds of British in Dublin in 1982 following a rebel execution attempt.

**VIETNAM WARFARER** A Vietnamese female student holds a weapon during National Day parade in Hanoi Sept. 2. The parade was as much the fifth anniversary of the country's independence from French colonial rule.

## Gitmo detainees stage hunger strike

**UNIONBUSTERS**—Scores of Americans are on hunger strike in the Guantanamo US "war on terror" detention camp, located by the detainees and US military authorities last Thursday.

Loyalty for the inmates and at least 150 men had been on hunger strike for the last three weeks. However, officials at Guantanamo said there were 76, but refused to say when the hunger strike started.

—Steve Juraneck 2002, the US

A statement by John D.

There are about 300 detainees at the detention camp on the U.S. southern border.

On July 20, 10 persons boarded a barge filled with Guatemalan, apparently in protest of their detention, refusing their transportation south.

## UN asks China to come clean on

**ALBANY.** The UN's top human rights official on Friday called on China to release details about its use of capital punishment, saying that those executed might be victims of discrimination or be under a five-day trial in Beijing.

High Commissioner for Human Rights Louise Arbour expressed concern about the possible use of the death penalty against ethnic minorities and the recently disclosed data from other countries showed they often were executed in capital punishment large numbers.

Arbour also said the execution

Of the protesters' demands, at present the only one that has caused anything more than a minor head-scratching such as fax evasion, is:

"We have been made fully aware that every place where you go beyond the southern sea crosses borders of sometimes indirect discrimination (and) disparagement, in opposition of the human position, including when the death penalty, no minority groups, people suffering from mental illness,

In the start of last week, the also-called about 15 individuals by their rights cases of political prisoners in the United Nations, including cases of detained journalists, labor activists, two Tibetans, a member of China's Muslim Uyghur minority groups and

## DVD format war looms as Blu-ray backers plan launch

**BY LARRY VANCE**

WINDMILL...There were indeed other things that commentators will be agonizing at DVD moment: why, for instance, did the two Windmills stand on Pexide there when we were supposed to find the windmill house and it was on track for a medieval landscape with a pine.

"It was worse a unified standard, it has to be better than the sum of the parts. We would like to see something that's better to the whole standard than ours, but we haven't found it," said Frank Romano, a spokesperson for buyers of the film on standard.

The first HD-DVD camp has already had its push back, but it seems to be the New Line. "We're no longer bagging laptops," said Zeman, who is also energetic in marketing efforts in the optical storage wars of Philips Electronics.

It takes a little more than a year to make the DVD players, PC drives and optical disks. We can

The MD-100 series consists of Toshiba, NEC Corp. and Keneco Electric at main hardware vendors.

The battle between the two companies becomes bitter after an ill-fated attempt this spring by Sony and the other major Japanese electronics companies to bring together the two standards.

The success of the Hollywood studios and television producers could put them, who will have to print pre-recorded disks with movies and TV shows, in better shape than Sony, who has more recently opened and may have filed their options open.

However, studio execs told *Entertainment Weekly* that it had chosen the Sony standard for its new movies. Sony said it had chosen the Sony standard for its new movies. Sony said it had chosen the Sony standard for its new movies.

"We collected feedback from music industry friends: 'What are you going to do about content protection?' We asked them to step up their content protection in a serious way, and the members of Bluegrass Junction were," said Auld. In so, president of engineering at the studio (which is owned by Bluegrass).

He also said that production costs of Bluegrass are "unprecedented" and that the format is incompatible with existing VCRs and CD players.

Intellectual is suffering less rampant piracy, because this is the 20th century. It was not so in the 19th century. It is 100 years ago for those entitled to market and better income to protect themselves by copying and pirating.

"[TV] is not good. It isn't a cure. But especially in Latin America, it liberates a nation," Sarmiento said.

In Chile, in particular, more than one multinational corporation legally and could in a dollar spin on some company. "It sells 20,000 DVDs a year in Chile, and they're priced at just \$4.99. Just to prove a point," Sarmiento said. *Byron Lee*























## Plan to pull out troops from Boracay questioned

By **Manoel F. Burgos Jr.**  
PH/Visayas Bureau

**CEBU CITY**—The report that the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) is planning to pull out its troops stationed on Boracay is doubtful.

Major Cynthia Salinas, 280 division, who is currently in the division was speaking to the AFP's Central Command (Comand) based in Cebu City to corroborate in place commander's position of Boracay. She said that the troops are not planning to pull out.

Salinas said that while he agrees with the intention of the deployment of the troops, Comand should consider the security implications of the pull-out.

### Risks

He said the AFP would not risk the security of Boracay in a possible event of a possible landing of a pirate boat at the Lantion Point in Iloilo and the continued threat posed by the Abu Sayyaf.

Boracay continues to be the country's top tourist island with 420,750 visitors last year and earning P7.68 billion.

General Espinosa (Lt. Col. Jefferson Dizon) said it is a grave intention that the planned pull-out of troops from Boracay is an internal security operation against Abu Sayyaf's base (SAB) in the island.

He said the security of the island can already be handled by the local police force. Salinas is talking in the 47th Infantry Battalion (47IB) were sent to Boracay at the height of mass attacks and after the kidnapping of the ship for the Abu Sayyaf.

Salinas said the division will abide by the decision of the Comand but will not participate for the withdrawal of troops from Boracay. He said the division will continue its operations on the island and through the support of soldiers stationed on the island.

He said the pull-out of the Army planes will not significantly increase the strength of the Army's Task Force Group for its operations.

TFF had a big change of tactical support operations on Panay Island, but the 47IB, 189 and other reinforcements companies would be sent to Boracay and TFF has "strongly" urged to address the security situation in Panay.

He said the division would also abide by the decision of the Comand to ensure the protection of the island.

Adnan Yus. Guller, Mayor of the city is "strongly" opposed to the plan to pull out the troops from the island.

"We intend to go on with the soldiers right now since it is a security issue," Mayor said in a telephone interview.

## ANSWER TO CRISIS

# Incoming CBCP head urges day of prayer

By **Manoel F. Burgos Jr.**  
PH/Visayas Bureau

**CEBU CITY**—Asked the rising controversy on the immanent proceedings in Congress, Archbishop Jose Cardinal Sin urged the clergy and the faithful to join a national day of prayer and penance on Sept. 12, the feast of the Virgin Mary.

Luganid, incoming president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), said the day of prayer is part of the CBCP's celebration of Sept. 12 as a Day of Conversion, Reformation and Conversion.

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**UNDER THE GUN**  
Luzon has heightened security in Baguio City following a suspected recent attack on a bakery in Cebu, North Cotabato on Aug. 21.

## Governor cites study saying Lingayen Gulf dying

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## Mayor, residents drawn to battle of maps

By **Delmar Carpio**  
PH/Visayas Bureau

**BOHOL CITY**—Mayor Benjamin C. Dela Cruz is in a battle of maps against the residents of Bohol Island. The battle is over the map of Bohol Island, which is in the center of the island.

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## Pre-construction works to start for South highway

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## SCIENCE/HEALTH

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## Experts look for ways to plug 'brain drain' in medical field

By Tina R. Salazar

**T**HE MIGRATION of health professionals is a problem in many countries, not only the Philippines. While some might think that the problem is an isolated one, the World Health Organization believes otherwise.

WHO believes that in the Philippines and the World Health Assembly has been a major problem getting out what is needed to meet the needs of the country. Specifically, the organization is looking for the development of a new career pathway for the country's health professionals and the establishment of bilateral agreements with the countries who are recipients of the doctors as they would be a "win-win" situation.

Meanwhile, the "brain drain" phenomenon was that a serious international issue that it would be the focus of the 2006 World Health Day.

## Benefiting from migration

"The interesting thing is that there are countries benefiting from the migration of health professionals," said health officials and the World Health Organization. UN benefits from the skills of doctors from South Africa. The United States is training and employing," he said.

Whoever was one of health professionals who recently met in Quito in the Americas and working in the United States. "Brain drain" means loss of health professionals from the Philippines. The workshop was in preparation for a summit on Sept. 24 of the country's health professionals to discuss the problem.

## Exodus of nurses

During the workshop, Dr. Jose Calixto Jr., who heads the group advising the country's health, presented data on the phenomenon.

He is executive director of the National Institute of Health and the director for research of the University of the Philippines Manila.

He said there were 27,052 documented nurses who left the Philippines from 1990 to 2000, he said this was a conservative estimate, as there were a possibility to find them directly listed had he used Philippine Overseas Employment Agency, but he did not.

He said there were more than 20,000 nursing graduates available annually in about 20 countries.

Recent studies also showed that 70 percent of Filipino nursing graduates are working overseas. In the last five years, 70 percent nurses have qualified the major nursing programs in the United States and the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Nurses in the United States get a monthly salary of \$4,000 to \$5,000, compared to \$1,000 to \$2,000 in the Philippines.



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## Doctor-nurses

According to the paper "Brain Drain Phenomenon and Its Implications on Health" submitted by Dr. Jose Calixto Jr. and Dr. Virginia L. Salazar, the Philippines has become a "brain export" country in the world and the second major exporter of physicians next to India.

This phenomenon, however, is not new. The paper pointed out that the Philippines was one of the first countries to send doctors to work abroad. What is new today is that doctors are not going to the United States as they would work abroad.

He said about 1,500 medical doctors have left the country as nurses since 2000. In 2004 and 2005, 1,247 medical doctors took the nursing licensure exam. And the estimated number of doctors not ready for nursing training was 4,000.

Healthcare experts at the workshop declared that this would mean nearly 20,000

## doctor doctors.

"The data supports the number of doctors leaving. There are hospitals without doctors and nurses, and with only doctors remaining. There are medical schools that are not open. There are no students," said Dr. Jose Calixto Jr. and Dr. Virginia L. Salazar, Philippine Medical Association secretary general.

## Possible solutions

He said the participation of doctors, nurses and medical students in the national work is not enough. The country's health care professionals were not concerned about the Filipino people.

"Although the problem is widespread, we need more to go on for the people. We need to see the country," he said.

One suggestion that came out during the workshop was the establishment of a national system with the health professionals who can work abroad and come back and serve the country again.



The workshop participants also pointed out a need to establish a full range of incentives for health professionals working in the Philippines.

The need to increase the country's health budget and give incentives such as increase in

salaries and the availability of advanced and better was especially around during the workshop.

"We all know the reality. We would be surprised that some of these are the problems that we have to solve," said Dr. Jose Calixto Jr.

## MGA DIABETIKO

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## Chemist-educator Amando Kapauan

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## A NEED FOR GOOD DIGESTION

By: Dr. Marie Ramirez

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# Market scrambles for RTBs; P40B in securities sold out

By Michelle N. Garcia

THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION yesterday sold out the entire P90 billion Real Time Bidding (RTB) by the end of the first two days since its official public offering on Wednesday.

Noted Treasury House Unit, which is the sole issuer of the RTB in the large market, said that the government-owned fund that came to small investors, and in the high level of liquidity among banks.

The P90 billion raised from the sale of RTB would be used to fill in the government's financing requirements for 2006.

With the issuance of the RTB, which has a five-year maturity, the Treasury would be the largest issuer of the RTB in the market, and the first Treasury bond to be issued since the end of the year.

Once sold, the Treasury decided to issue RTB in place of the regular Treasury bonds to ensure a high liquidity in the public.

RTB, unlike Treasury bonds, which are sold in a fixed amount, is sold in increments of P100,000 and is sold in increments of P100,000.

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domestic, preferred RTB because of its quarterly coupon.

With quarterly coupon, investors get the interest on their investment every three months and they get the entire principal amount upon maturity.

The coupon rate of the five-year RTB was set at 18.825 percent during its issuance last Wednesday.

The national Treasury said the government-owned fund decided to issue through RTB to help develop the country's capital market.

By issuing regular individual investors their money to invest in the form of government bonds, the Treasury hoped to make the capital market vibrant, he added.

With the goal of making more individual investors to participate in the securities market, the Treasury hoped to make the capital market vibrant, he added.

The five-year cap was issued from last year's P100 billion. In the last year, the government-owned fund sold P40 billion worth of RTB.

# New York Life to raise RP investment to P4B

By Doris C. Dantes

NEW YORK LIFE Insurance (Philippines), Inc., the country's eighth largest insurer in terms of premium, has signed an agreement to increase its investment in the Philippines to P1 billion from the current P1.5 billion over the next five years.

The foreign insurance company, which recently launched the "New York Life Big Apple Advantage" product, scheduled to be launched in the Philippines and has no expanding through acquisition.

In August 2005, NYLI's target to increase its investment in the Philippines to P1 billion from the current P1.5 billion over the next five years.

The Big Apple Advantage, which is likely to be the first of a series of products in the country, is an all-in-one insurance product that offers policyholders in various ac-

cesses protection of at least five times the face amount capital premium with minimum liability and a choice of various funds managed by South Financial giant BIC Group.

Policyholders are allowed to pay as a regular term either annually or bi-annually or quarterly, depending on what is acceptable to them and get the flexibility to borrow or to discontinue their contribution for a given year.

NYLI president George May predicted that the flexible product, which was selling like hotcakes in other markets like Japan, India and South Korea, would likely grow 30 percent of the company's business in the Philippines over the long run.

Investments may be made in equity or fixed income, which are

400-year-old, the minimum value of investment is P10,000 to P500. For those above 40, the minimum value of investment is P20,000 to P100.

For conservative investors who are content with a steady growth in income, the company recommends the "New York Life Income Fund," which includes investments in government bonds and corporate commercial paper.

Investors who aim for higher returns may opt for the "New York Life Equity Fund," which invests in blue chips listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange.

The third option is the "Managed Fund," which balances the possible risks or returns of investing in equities and includes investments in a combination of fixed income instruments and listed blue chip stocks.

# RP court urged to void Lepanto contract with Australian bank

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

TOP GOLD producer Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co. has asked the Manila Regional Trial Court to nullify its contract with the Australian private bank BNP Paribas and to issue an order for the return of the P100 million.

In a decision on the Philippine Bank's request, Lepanto emphasized that its sale with BNP Paribas was an outstanding bid for the return of the P100 million. The P100 million was also offered to Lepanto to go ahead with its proposed rights offering that would generate roughly P100 million for the country's oldest mining stock plan.

Lepanto accused the bank of having the bid for the return of the P100 million. Lepanto's request to nullify the contract was supported by 17,746 common shares.

"We have received notice that BNP Paribas is demanding that we comply with our obligations under the contract covering a total of 4,877 ounces of gold with a value of P100 million," said Lepanto's lawyer, who said that the bank is "in breach of contract."

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# RFM questions Selecta export ban

## PNOC to pursue Malampaya project

**By Angel L. Ho**

THE PHILIPPINE National Oil Co. (PNOC) is set to start the construction of the Malampaya Deep-Water Gas to Liquid Project (DGLP) in the next few months, according to a source in the company.

"We're going to accept it if the development of the oil and gas field is assigned to us by the Department of Energy," PNOC president Filigosa Malalaca said in a briefing yesterday.

The project, which is to be assigned in 2007, would be done under the Malampaya revenue share system.

PNOC has a 30 percent stake in the Malampaya gas field.

The remaining 70 percent is split evenly between Shell Philippines Exploration Inc. (SPEI) and Chevron Energy Holdings Inc. (CHEV).

The DGLP is pushing for the conversion and development of oil reserves in the Malampaya gas field, estimated at between 25 billion and 40 billion barrels, to help the country cope with the increasing oil prices.

The new multinational consortium consists of SPEI, however, failed to acquire the project as the potential of said field was the Malampaya revenue share system, which is much smaller than their other offshore projects.

The proposed DGLP would allow SPEI to produce oil and gas from the Malampaya gas field.

However, SPEI and Chevron have rejected any new development to set up a \$1-billion industrial fund to guarantee compensation for any damage to the profitability of the natural gas business.

Malalaca said the DGLP would have to negotiate with the consortium members regarding the industrial project in the sector.

**By Christine A. Capuyan**

PNOC and Chevron have been in talks for the filing of the new import for Australia and the export of Selecta to China, pointing out that Selecta is not a product of the Philippines.

"Our export of Selecta to China should not be affected by any ban," said PNOC president and CEO Jose A. Capuyan II.

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### NOTICE TO MANILA WATER CUSTOMERS AND THE PUBLIC

The Foreign Currency Differential Adjustment (FCDA) will increase from **P0.38** per cubic meter to **P1.46** effective September 10, 2005 based on an exchange rate of P84.34 per US Dollar. In view of WATS' solidified fiscal structure, the increase in water bill will only be about 40-centimeter per day for average residential customer consuming 10 cubic meters per month.

FCDA is a credit mechanism used by utility companies that is subject to approval to recover losses if the peso depreciates and shortfalls, if the peso appreciates against other currencies. Manila Water has to continue paying for the foreign exchange denominated concession fees to the MTRCB, as well as loans required for its service expansion and improvement.

The increase in FCDA was approved by the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage Systems Regulatory Office in its Resolution No. 05-003-CR dated 1 September 2005 as confirmed by the MWSS Board Resolution No. 2005-186 dated 1 September 2005.

Manila Water Company, the East Zone concessionaire covers the following areas: Marikina (San Andres and Sta. Ana only), Quezon City (part of San Juan River, West Avenue, SDOA, Congressional and Marikina Ave., Daboks, of Tandang Sora, Pasig River and Interlocking District), Marikina City (part of South Super highway), Marikina City, San Juan, Marikina City, Pasig City, Palawan, Taguig - all in Metro Manila, Rizal Province.



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